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▶ Christy Clark at the SFU Segal Graduate School of Business in Vancouver yesterday.

Clark kicks off campaign

▶ Christy Clark is the fifth candidate in the race to replace Premier Gordon Campbell ▶ Former education minister also served as an MLA for nine years ▶ For the past four years she has hosted a radio program on CKNW

Liberal leadership — and the only candidate from the private sector — officially entered the ring yesterday vowing to bring a more participatory style of government to B.C.

Radio host Christy Clark, a former deputy premier, made the announcement live to listeners on CKNW before stepping into a packed press conference in Vancouver to confirm what many had been speculating for weeks.

"I believe British Columbians are seeking new leadership," she said. "The kind of leadership that seeks to put more power in the hands of everyday citizens.

"My experience on-air, outside the cocoon of Victoria, gave me a fresh perspective. I learned that government in this province needs to be better tuned in to (British Columbians)."

Clark promised, if elected, to act on a "families-first" agenda, raise the minimum wage and take the contentious matter of the HST to a free vote in the legislature instead of to a referendum, where she said it would certainly be voted out.

"Like most British Columbians, I feel the HST process was fatally flawed from the outset," Clark said, adding that she supports the tax "in principle."

"We need to build on what the government has achieved and re-earn the public's trust where trust has eroded."

KRISTEN THOMPSON

Contenders

- Four Liberal MLAs have already entered the race for the Liberal leadership — Moira Stilwell, George Abbott, Mike de Jong and Kevin Falcon.
- All four candidates quit their cabinet posts to seek the nomination.
- The party has scheduled its leadership vote for Feb. 26.

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Fashion. One of a kind

▶ Mathieu Mudie at the Vancouver Convention Centre yesterday.

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Mudie, creator of rachel.f, will be selling his recycled leather accessories and clothing at the One of a Kind show at the Vancouver Convention Centre beginning tomorrow. The show features unique gifts and fashion shows from 300 artists and designers from across North America.

Elderly man shot by home invader

72-year-old victim is in stable condition recovering from gunshot and stab wounds
Police say suspect likely targeted his victim ◐ No apparent connection to organized crime

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An elderly man is in hospital after being shot and stabbed in what appears to have been a targeted home invasion in Chilliwack, RCMP said yesterday.

The 72-year-old victim was attacked after answering the door to his 5th Avenue home on Tuesday evening.

"A male suspect knocked on the victim's door and presented a gun," said Cpl. Lea-Anne Dunlop. "The victim and suspect struggled, and the victim was subsequently shot and stabbed."

The suspect ran off on foot and police were unable to track him down.

"Information has surfaced that now lead investigators to believe that the suspect involved had intention to target the residence in question," Dunlop said.

She said while the victim claims he didn't know his attacker, police don't believe it was a random attack.

"The investigation is still focused on gathering further information from the public that will help determine why the residence in question was targeted, and who the suspect responsible for this crime is," Dunlop said

Anyone with information is asked to call police or, if they wish to remain anonymous, Crime Stoppers.

"Even seemingly small information can prove to be very valuable," said Dunlop.

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POLYGAMY CASE

Woman paints sad picture

A woman told a court how she was sexually abused by her father from the ages of three to 16 in a polygamous commune in Utah.

Rena Mackert sat in the Vancouver courtroom as a video affidavit was played as part of a case that is challenging Canada's law against multiple marriages.

Mackert says she blamed herself for the sexual abuse because she was taught women were responsible for men's sexual urges.

She says it's impossible to separate polygamy from the abuse that she suffered, and polygamy should remain illegal in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Teacher's college 'dysfunctional'

The B.C. College of Teachers is being slammed as "dysfunctional" in a new report that says the agency is under the virtual control of the teacher's union and is failing to protect the public interest.

The report by former deputy education minister Don Avison says the B.C. Teachers' Federation has too much influence over the college, which is supposed to regulate and discipline teachers.

He says the college does more to protect teachers than the public interest, is wracked by infighting and should either be restructured, replaced or scrapped entirely.

Education Minister Margaret MacDiarmid says it's clear the status quo can't continue and changes will be made.

She says she's set up meetings with various groups, including the Teachers Federation, to talk about what to do. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Replacements for Good, Martin named

CTV

▶ Mike Killeen and Tamara Taggart both attended BCIT.

First newscast Jan. 3 ◐ Taggart and Killeen both born in Vancouver

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Mike Killeen and Tamara Taggart will replace Bill Good and Pamela Martin as the new anchors of CTV's evening local newscast, the network revealed yesterday morning.

"To be able to get this opportunity in your hometown is a pretty huge honour," said Taggart, currently weathercaster for CTV News at Six. "We're over the moon."

The pair were informed of the promotion a little while ago and told only their spouses. Taggart admits it was a tough secret to keep.

"I didn't tell my kids until last night," said Killeen, the network's Olympic reporter for the past six years. "They've been wondering what the heck has been going on because dad has been behaving a little strangely the last little while."

The pair, he said, would continue — in the model of Good and Martin — to be active in the newscast's editorial process.

"That's not going to change ... every day we'll be working hard to continue building this newscast."

"It's important for the anchors to be engaged early on in the day and chime in with where we think things should be going, or not going."
MIKE KILLEEN

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Masked refugee not ID'd

The young Chinese refugee claimant who boarded a plane to Canada disguised as an old man has yet to be identified, said a lawyer for the Canadian Border Services Agency. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Colleges vote for U-Pass

Vancouver Community College and Douglas College voted to adopt the popular $30 a month U-Pass transit card yesterday. The referendum turnout was the largest in the schools' history. JENNIFER GAUTHIER

Faceless homeless meant to raise awareness

JEFF HODSON/METRO

Three lifelike sculptures of homeless people were placed at high foot-traffic locations in Vancouver's downtown yesterday in an effort to raise awareness about homelessness.

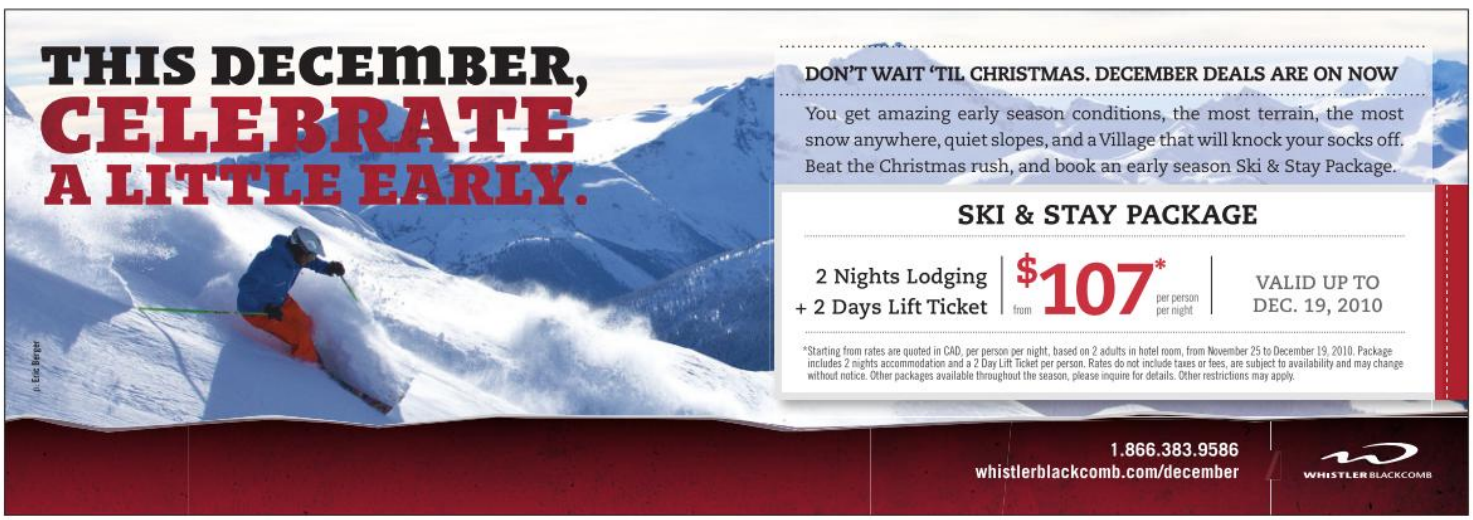
The body sculptures depict a person in a sleeping bag, another pushing a cart and a third sitting on a bench.

"At the heart of the issue of homelessness, is the need for people to feel that they belong," said Rev. Ric Matthews of First United Church. "While we can build housing with support services, what we really need to do is build relationships."

The sculptures were faceless, an allusion to the feeling of invisibility that many homeless face.

The campaign also features an online component, with each sculpture having its own Facebook profile and back-story.

"Instead of walking past the same form that they've walked past many times in the past, this time they may just stop and share their stories with each other." JEFF HODSON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News in brief

Bank machine fraud in Langley

SEARCH. RCMP in Langley are asking for help finding a suspect in an "elaborate fraud." The suspect, who was wearing a "bejeweled hat," attached a card reader to an ABM in Walnut Grove to steal banking information from customers. Anyone with information is asked to call police.

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Conviction appealed in gay bashing

ASSAULT. A man convicted of assaulting a gay Vancouver man and leaving him permanently disabled is appealing his six-year prison sentence. Shawn Woodward was sentenced last month for punching Ritchie Dowrey in an unprovoked attack.

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Coquitlam mayor's home vandalized

REPEAT OFFENCE. The home of Coquitlam Mayor Richard Stewart has now been vandalized three times since last week's vote to re-zone land for a homeless shelter. Stewart said the act shows a lack of tolerance, but added that he will not be intimidated.

KRISTEN THOMPSON

Police seek knife-wielding robber

INJURED. New Westminster police are looking for a suspect after a Best Buy employee was slashed Tuesday night following a robbery. The assailant attempted to leave with several video games tucked beneath his jacket and was intercepted by the employee, who was cut in the hand.

JENNIFER GAUTHIER

Laneway home tour hopes to spark interest

Subsidiary homes were first introduced to Vancouver in the summer of 2009 Tour will raise cash for city's Heritage Foundation

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As laneway houses — small, one- or two-storey suites built on the lots of existing homes — continue to spread across Vancouver, city developers are working hard to ensure the projects maintain a favourable public image.

Sponsored by Lisa MacIntosh realtors, Vancouver's first-ever laneway home charity tour is scheduled to take place Saturday, as organizers hope to capitalize on growing public interest in the sometimes-controversial housing fad.

At $50 per ticket, the Kensington-area tour is not cheap, but then neither are the homes.

"I'd definitely say we're looking at an upscale demographic," said tour spokeswoman Jacqueline Cannam.

"This is not a cheap undertaking, but it is a good way to create some secondary income."

Since city regulations presently only allow laneway homes to be owned by whosever property they are built on, the units are mostly used as rental suites, or a way to add value to a heritage home that may be too expensive to renovate.

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A laneway house in East Vancouver.

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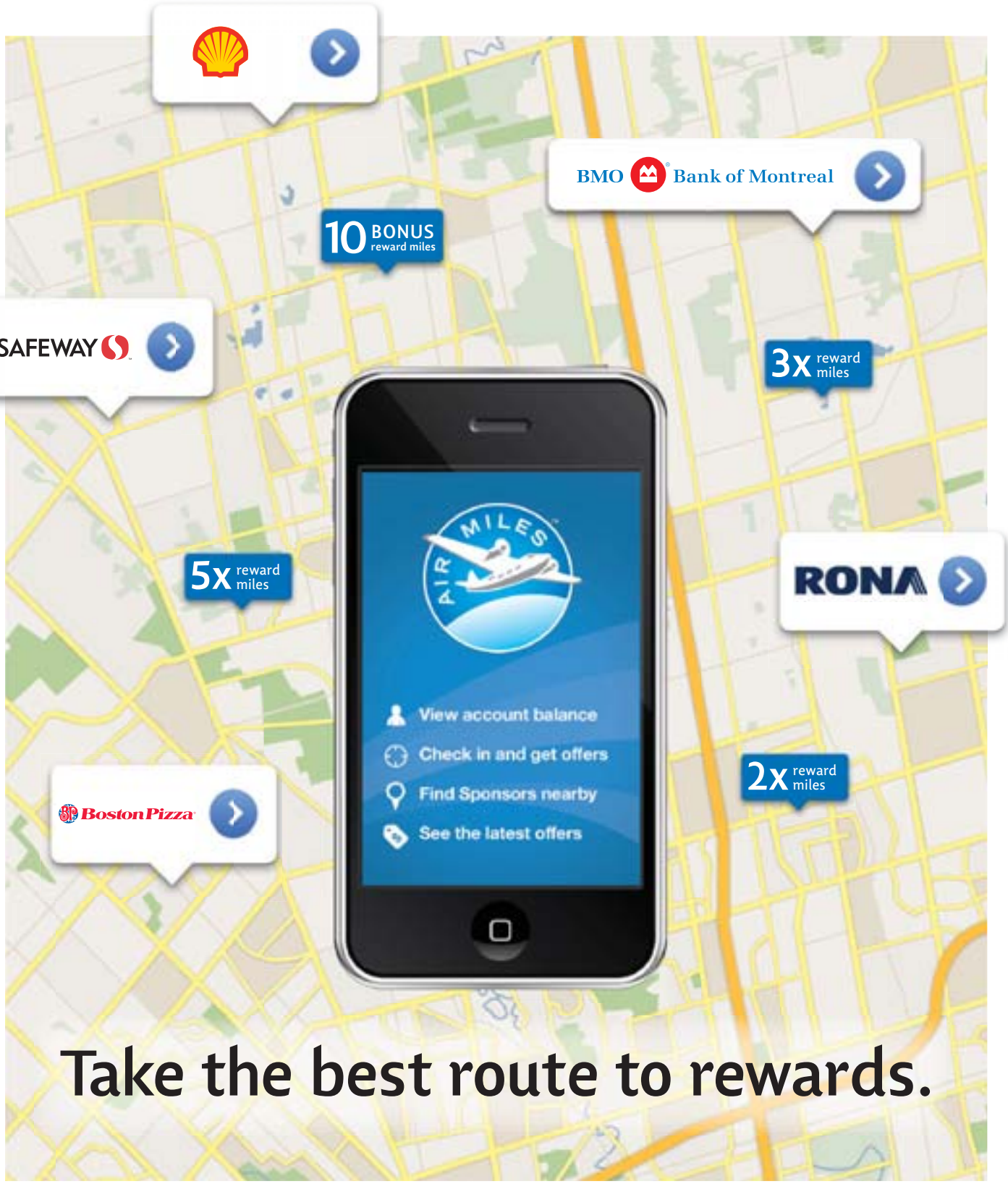

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REPORT

ICBC fraud fixed, says auditor general

Auditor general John Doyle says the Insurance Corporation of B.C. has cleaned up the mess that allowed an ICBC facility to fix wrecked cars and sell them to people who were never told about the damage.

In a new report, Doyle says the Crown insurance agency has introduced a code of ethics and most of the workers involved in the repair scam are no longer with the company.

Doyle also reported on other issues, including the Oil and Gas Commission, saying there should be more oversight of the agency.

On the subject of information technology, Doyle says the province hasn't set up an effective system to monitor the security of government information.

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Filthy tools reported in hospital

There has been another case of dirty hospital tools at the Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops. The Interior Health Authority says endoscopes, which are used to examine the intestinal tract, were not properly cleaned between March of 2008 and July of this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Clear leaves from drains, city warns

With heavy rain forecast for the next week, Vancouver asked its residents to clear leaves from curbside drains to prevent flooding.

From now until the end of the year, city crews will be removing leaves from city boulevards and streets.

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Paradigm shift needed in climate fight: Expert

Third sustainability report released by SFU environment panel Author previously worked as provincial civil servant, B.C. Hydro executive

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An SFU expert says B.C. residents need to be willing to pay more for energy to combat climate change's effects.

British Columbians need to bite the bullet and get used to paying more for gas and energy if they are serious about combating the negative effects of global climate change, argues a terse new report released by SFU yesterday.

Billed as a plainspoken effort to "encourage a broader dialogue" on environmental policy in the province, the 14-page findings of SFU's Adaptation to Climate Change Team recommends that the B.C. government pursue an aggressive strategy of "guiding human behaviour towards environmental objectives" through taxes, regulation and innovation.

"The future will belong to the jurisdiction prepared to meet these challenges," said Bruce Sampson, the report's author, warning that though the current B.C. government had made great strides, "we need to go deeper, further and faster."

Leading the report's litany of recommendations is a call for a higher carbon tax, both to discourage excessive car use and fund energy innovation, and a demand that B.C. Hydro move to sell its electricity at "more accurate" market rates.

The report also calls for the founding of a "national centre for sustainable energy solutions," something Sampson believes is long overdue.

"We've already spent trillions bailing out the financial system," he said. "Surely we can come up with the money we need to save the planet."

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More recs

Other key recommendations from the SFU report:

- Toughen the B.C. building code to demand stronger standards of environmental compliance.
- Provide subsidies to individuals and businesses who use electric and hybrid vehicles.
- Encourage the insurance industry to set rates that "promote behavioural change."
- Supplement GDP with a "Natural Capital Index" to track sustainability.

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Judge cites role of jail guards in man's death

Nova Scotian 'did not die because he was mentally ill,' inquiry head says Restraint technique to blame?

The head of an inquiry into the jail cell death of a mentally ill Nova Scotia man has rejected a medical examiner's conclusion that he died of excited delirium.

Howard Hyde's death was caused by a struggle with jail guards, the judge's report said yesterday. The report said the guards' restraint technique played a role in Hyde's accidental death in 2007.

Provincial court judge Anne Derrick said Hyde, a 45-year-old musician diagnosed with schizophrenia in his 20s, was in the midst of a psychotic episode when he was forced to lie on his stomach with his hands behind his back.

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▶ Howard Hyde

And that position may have interfered with his ability to breathe.

"The only useful approach is to understand that Mr. Hyde died because of physiological changes in his body brought on by an intense struggle involving restraint," Derrick wrote.

"He did not die because he was mentally ill."

Hyde's story attracted national attention because he had been Tasered up to five times by Halifax police about 30 hours before he died.

But Derrick's 460-page report clearly says the repeated Tasering did not cause Hyde's death.

Stephen Ayer, executive director of Schizophrenia Society of Nova Scotia, said his group supports Derrick's call for an increase in funding for mental health services.

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Haiti. Thousands take to the streets

▶ A car is engulfed in flames on a street in Port-au-Prince.

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Flames of anger

The headquarters of Haiti's ruling party were set ablaze yesterday as protests over disputed presidential election results spread through the Haitian capital. Thousands took to the streets, furious that government-backed candidate Jude Celestin, the protegé of unpopular president René Preval, apparently will go to a run-off vote.

Disfigured Afghan cover girl's kin held

The father-in-law of a disfigured Afghan woman whose photo was featured on a Time magazine cover has been arrested, officials say.

A Taliban commander acting as a judge ordered the woman's nose and ears sliced off last year as punishment for fleeing her husband's home, said Time's story in August and other accounts.

Just 18 years old at the time, Aisha said she fled to escape her in-laws' beatings and abuse.

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The accused

- Aisha's father-in-law was arrested in southern Afghanistan, an Interior Ministry aide said.
- He was being held in jail in Uruzgan province. It was not immediately clear if he had been charged.

Requiem for Lennon at Strawberry Fields

John Lennon's fans celebrated his life yesterday by visiting Strawberry Fields, the Central Park garden dedicated in his honour, while a newly released interview he gave shortly before his death showed he was optimistic about his future.

On the 30th anniversary of Lennon's murder outside his Manhattan apartment building, admirers played his music nearby at Strawberry Fields and placed flowers on a mosaic named for his song Imagine.

The steady stream of visitors represented the range of people who love Lennon, from those who watched his career unfold to those who know only his music..

Father-daughter pair Paul DeLuca, 50, and Marissa DeLuca, 17, came to mark the day.

"I grew up with his voice," said Marissa DeLuca. "The Beatles are the soundtrack to my childhood," she said. "His voice is just kind of like home.".

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▶ John Lennon fans hold a vigil last night on Parliament Hill to mark his death.

'Dead heroes'

- In a newly released interview, conducted just three days before he was gunned down, John Lennon complained about his critics — saying they were just interested in "dead heroes" and mused that he had "plenty of time" to accomplish some of his life goals.
- The interview, believed to be his last print interview, was released yesterday to The Associated Press by Rolling Stone magazine, which uses the full interview for a story that will be on stands tomorrow.
- While brief excerpts of Jonathan Cott's interview were released for a 1980 Rolling Stone cover story days after Lennon's death, this is the first time the entire interview has been published.

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Nobel snub brings heat on Serbia

Bilateral relations with China takes priority for Belgrade

Serbia's decision to boycott the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony honouring imprisoned Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo triggered criticism yesterday from human rights activists and the European Union — which expressed shock that the candidate for EU entry would meet China's demands.

China has vilified the 54-year-old democracy advocate Liu, called the Nobel prize choice an effort by the West to contain its rise, disparaged his supporters as "clowns," and launched a campaign to persuade countries not to attend Friday's ceremony in Oslo.

Eighteen countries, including Serbia, Russia and Pakistan, have turned down the Nobel committee's invitation to send representatives to the ceremony.

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Kosovo

Serbia fears its attendance could anger China, which has supported Belgrade in its opposition to Kosovan independence.

- **Majority:** Some 70 nations, including the U.S. and most EU states, have recognized Kosovo's statehood.
- **Support:** Russia and China have stood firm in supporting Serbia in its claim over the territory.

Tragedy. Bangladesh

▶ Local people crowd the site of a train accident in Narsingdi district, about 40 kilometres east of Dhaka, Bangladesh yesterday.

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Train collision kills 19

A speeding train slammed into another moving slowly through a station in eastern Bangladesh yesterday, killing as many as 19 people and injuring scores more, according to officials and news reports.

Budget will be no Christmas Carol

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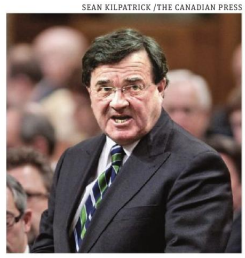

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says he is prepared to shift money from one area of the budget to something else with a more pressing need, but overall spending won't get up significantly.

He says the government's highest priority is to rein in the record $55.6-billion deficit.

Although no official date has been released, the budget is expected in March.

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"I'm not Santa Claus, but no Scrooge either."
FINANCE MINISTER JIM FLAHERTY

Facebook names newborn

Facebook users let their fingers do the talking and have selected the first name of a Toronto newborn by a razor-thin margin.

New mom Rommy Alpinelli decided to leave things to chance, or more specifically, in the virtual hands of Facebook users and online voters, to help select the first name of her firstborn child, a baby girl.

The name "Melania" came out on top in the online vote organized by Canadian social commerce site FabFind.

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9 Just nine votes separated the winning name of "Melania," with a total of 2,860, and second-placed "Aria."

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LEAKED FILES

Hackers fight back for Wiki

Hackers rushed to the defence of WikiLeaks yesterday, launching attacks on MasterCard, Visa, Swedish prosecutors, a Swiss bank and others who have acted against the site and its jailed founder Julian Assange.

Internet "hacktivists" operating under the label Operation Payback claimed responsibility for causing severe technological problems at the website for MasterCard, which pulled the plug on its relationship with WikiLeaks a day ago. MasterCard acknowledged "a service disruption." Later, the Visa website was inaccessible.

Meanwhile, Australian foreign minister Kevin Rudd says the U.S. government not WikiLeaks is responsible for the worldwide fuss.

Rudd said the blame lies with the leaker and the U.S. failure to "protect its own diplomatic communications."

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Jail fire kills 81: Firemen kept out?

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▶ Relatives of prisoners at San Miguel prison weep and scream as the names of inmates are read out after the devastating blaze.

▶ Brawl among inmates sparks blaze in Chile ▶ Screams on TV

A fire started during an inmate brawl swept through an overcrowded prison in Santiago, Chile, yesterday, killing at least 81 people and seriously injuring 14.

A prisoner using a contraband cellphone called state television pleading for help — and the screams of inmates briefly aired across Chile.

Some relatives of inmates at Santiago's San Miguel prison told state TV that jail police initially closed the gates to firefighters, impeding efforts to control the blaze.

"They wouldn't let the firefighters come in. The riot police came in first and began to beat us, and later the firefighters came in," a prisoner said in a call played on state TV. But fire chief Jose Sanchez denied firefighters were kept out.

Hundreds of relatives of inmates gathered outside the prison gates. Some broke down in tears and screams while others threw rocks at an official as he read survivors' names.

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"The conditions that existed inside this prison are absolutely inhumane."
CHILEAN PRESIDENT SEBASTIAN PINERA

B.C. men swept up in child-porn probe

Three of the 57 men charged in an international child-porn investigation are from B.C., and more could be charged in the province.

Peter Scott Wilson and Warren Robert Allen were arrested earlier this year in Vancouver while David Caza was picked up in Kamloops.

Cpl. Matt Vanlauer with the RCMP says investigations involving three other men in B.C. are continuing.

Those men live in Victoria, Duncan and Port Alberni, but no charges have been laid yet.

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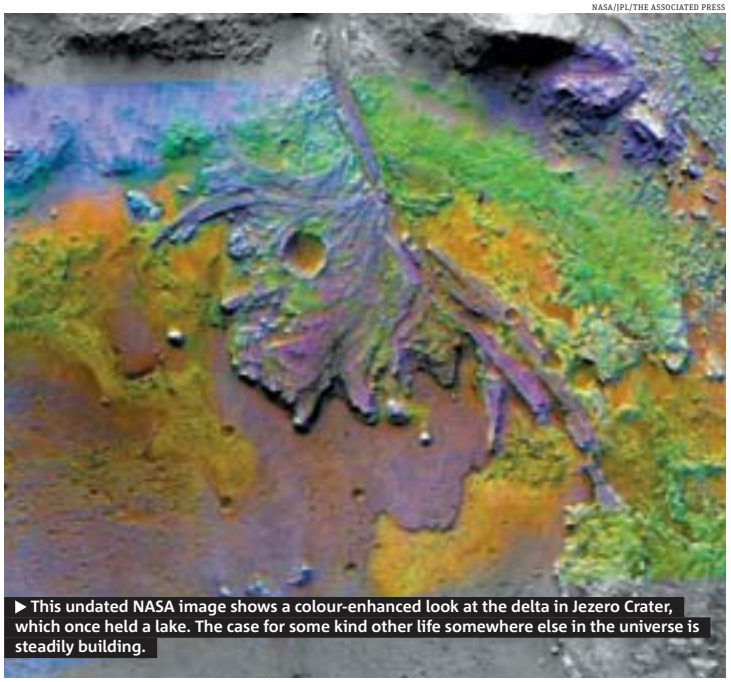

▶ This undated NASA image shows a colour-enhanced look at the delta in Jezero Crater, which once held a lake. The case for some kind other life somewhere else in the universe is steadily building.

Research points toward alien life

‘The evidence is just getting stronger and stronger,’ says NASA director

More likely slime mould than E.T.

A handful of new discoveries makes it seem more likely that we are not alone — that there is life somewhere else in the universe.

In the past several days, scientists have reported there are three times as many stars as they previously thought.

Another group of researchers discovered a microbe can live on arsenic, expanding our understanding of how life can thrive under the harshest environments.

Earlier this year, astronomers for the first time said they had found a potentially habitable planet.

First contact?

Mars is the most likely candidate for alien life. Any life is probably underground where there is water, astronomers say.

▶ **Other possibilities** include moons of Jupiter and Saturn.

“I think anybody looking at this evidence is going to say, ‘There’s got to be life out there,’” said Carl Pilcher, director of NASA’s Astrobiology Institute, which studies the origins, evolution and possibilities of life in the universe. At its most simplistic core, the scientific calculations hinge on two basic factors: How many places out there can support life? And how hard is it for life to take root? Last week’s findings increased the number of potential homes for life and broadened the definition of what life is. It means the probability for alien life is higher than ever, agree 10 scientists interviewed by The Associated Press. A caveat: Since much of this research is new, scientists are still debating how solid the conclusions are.

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NASA

One small step for business

For the first time ever, a private company has launched a spacecraft into orbit and then guided it back to Earth.

The capsule belonging to Space Exploration Technologies Corp. — known as SpaceX — splashed down into the Pacific yesterday afternoon. It was launched three hours earlier from Cape Canaveral atop the company’s Falcon 9 rocket.

NASA ordered up the demonstration as a first step to handing over space station supply runs and, eventually, astronaut rides to private businesses.

Until now, only governments had managed to recover spacecraft re-entering from orbit. SpaceX’s spacecraft, called Dragon, circled the Earth twice before parachuting into the Pacific upon command.

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Japan loses precious probe

A Japanese probe to Venus failed to reach orbit yesterday and was captured by the sun's gravitational pull in a setback to Japan’s shoestring space program, which will have to wait six years to try again.

The failure in the crucial orbital insertion stage of the probe was a big letdown for Japan, which has never succeeded in an interplanetary mission.

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REVEALING THE EVIL SIDE OF JOURNALISM

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE

As a mainstream media pawn, I'm often keeping government secrets, including the latest movements of the Taliban and how Ben Mulroney keeps his hair that way.

I'm kidding — or am I? — but when you work in journalism long enough, you learn many people are convinced you're part of some grand conspiracy theory. You also learn that many people apparently do jumping jacks in rooms with low ceilings.

For example, I once worked at a newspaper that was accused of reporting on a murder because it happened in a park where a natural gas line was being proposed. So, you see, we were trying to devalue the land in a bid to help our corporate buddies get their gas line.

I wish we were that smart, truly. I also wish we had that level of super villainy. It would be a lot of fun, tenting our fingers and such. But I'm afraid the only thing that makes that even remotely like real journalism management is how inefficient it is.

"Some people like to imagine the media as a shadowy collective ..."

Some people like to imagine the media as a shadowy collective that works in lockstep to undermine whatever beliefs they hold. It's not unusual to show up at an event with a notepad and have someone growl, "Are you the media?!"

"Yes. I am the media. Well, me and Peter Mansbridge. We just lunched. I'd love to talk, but there's a ribbon cutting in Regina, then I have an Ottawa meeting with the prime minister about what to make up this week."

I've been thinking about conspiracy theories because of the never-ending WikiLeaks story, which has taken secret U.S. documents, put them on the Internet, and resulted in a worldwide surge of Facebook status updates about "taking a WikiLeak." And that's been the most interesting thing about it.

WikiLeaks underlines the big flaw of most conspiracy theories: A conspiracy requires people to keep their mouth shut. And people don't. WikiLeaks hasn't revealed anything we didn't already know. It's been a bit like reading your daughter's diary and finding out she likes boys and "hates hates hates" you. Well, duh.

The lesson? There are no secrets. Everything is already out there, and the things that aren't get found out soon enough.

Frankly, if a journalist faces pressure from corporations or government about a story that could change lives, he will push past the oppression for one simple reason: He could win an award.

We are evil. Just not for the reasons you think.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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2011: Year of app threat

Worth mentioning

Surfing scams

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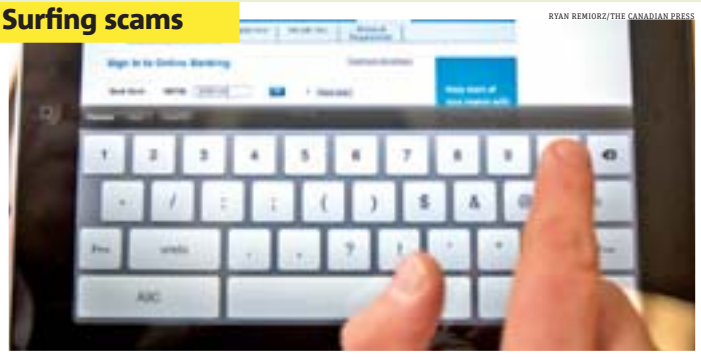

Want to scam someone on a smartphone or tablet computer? There's probably going to be an app for that.

The exploding popularity of mobile devices and their many software applications is already being exploited by those out to steal personal information.

"We think 2011 is the year of the threat to the mobile device, particularly the mobile app," said Dave DeWalt, chief executive of McAfee Inc. security software.

There are about 20 new computer tablets coming out, "tons" of new smart devices and literally hundreds of thousands of applications being developed for them, DeWalt said.

"There's an ecosystem of application developers who are building applications with the sole purpose of downloading to a mobile environment, making it very viral and then actually stealing from you," he said.

Next year, it's expected there will be more consumer warnings and research into these kinds of threats, DeWalt said.

Games are particularly vulnerable to malware because they are the most shared, social-network oriented and players enter personal information on their sites.

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What do you think about Don Cherry getting involved in politics?

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Metro Minute with Tools For Cuba

If you are expecting to get new tools this Christmas, why not donate your old ones to those less fortunate?

Starting today until Saturday, local tool supplier KMS Tools and Equipment Ltd. is accepting donations of used or new tools at any of its stores.

The Tools For Cuba campaign aims to help Cubans rebuild after recent devastating hurricanes.

The campaign coincides with a charity barbecue today from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the KMS Coquitlam store.

Proceeds benefit the Share Food Bank.

The event takes place at 110 Woolridge St. in Coquitlam.

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▶ A worker rebuilds a home in Cuba using tools donated by Lower Mainlanders last year.

Is StatsCan being unfair in giving out data?

Probe ordered into early release of data NDP: Few seconds enough time for a trader to make money off data

[redacted]y Clement has called for a probe of Statistics Canada procedures after a report that paying clients got up to a 59-second head start on market-moving data.

"If the report is true, it would be a disturbing situation," Clement told reporters Tuesday.

"I directed officials immediately to look into the situation, to give me the facts."

Earlier Bloomberg, one of the agency's 10 paying clients, reported Statistics Canada had stopped the practice on Nov. 25 after the news service informed the federal agency that it could access the data in advance of the official release.

A StatsCan spokesman blamed the problem on a programming glitch and said a preliminary inquiry has determined three of its secondary distributors had the ability to access the data in advance.

"There was the possibility that a secondary distributor could get the data as much as 59 seconds before release time," said Claude Graziadei, Statistics Canada's director of communication.

"As soon as we discovered that, we had the programming on the systems changed ... and essentially we've plugged the hole."

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News in brief

You know it's New Year's Eve when the Snooki drops — or at least you will this year.

MTV says it plans to put Jersey Shore star Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi inside a ball that drops in New York's Times Square to ring in 2011 as part of its MTV New Year's Bash special.

The network says other stars from its hit reality show Jersey Shore will lead the crowd in a collective fist pump in hopes of breaking the Guinness world record.

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Santa Claus just wants a beer: George Wendt slips into the red suit again for musical Elf

It's the holidays and you're staring down your gift list when it dawns on you: TV! We all have a die-hard fan of one show or another to buy for, so go for the easy-peasy with a screen-inspired gift Here are some suggestions for fans of four shows

Gift ideas for the TV lovers in your life

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MAD MEN

Booze, smokes, adultery. Nothing says the holidays like the '60s ad agency megahit on AMC.

• You heard about it on the show, now read it for yourself: Sterling's Gold: Wit & Wisdom of an Ad Man, observations from Roger Sterling Jr. It's a fresh offering that Grove Press published under the character's name. A Sterling pearl: "When a man gets to a point in his life when his name's on the building, he can get an unnatural sense of entitlement."

• There's also the stylish Mad Men: The Illustrated World by Dyna Moe from Penguin imprint Perigee Trade. Tips for the perfect bouffant, paper dolls that include Joan, hangover remedies, inside jokes. Great for the coffee table.

• For him: Sterling silver tie bar by David Donahue at Nordstrom. Narrow with etched stripes on the front.

• For her: The gold ruby glass Art Deco beverage set with roly-poly glasses at Retroartglass.com, or choose your own '60s-inspired martini set on eBay.

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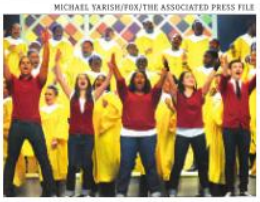

GLEE

For your favourite Gleek – because excess is important.

• Glee Karaoke Revolution for Wii. Sing your faves from the first season, perform with characters from the show, compete against friends, but don't forget the add-on: the Wii Karaoke Microphone.

• The cast has a new Christmas album, Glee, the Music, the Christmas Album, ahead of the second season's special for the holidays to air Dec. 7. Twelve mostly classic holiday nuts in all, including K.D. Lang channelling Dr. Seuss for You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch.

• There's a licensed clothing line, from T-shirts to tracksuits, sold exclusively at Macy's, but why not wing it with a fun outfit for your fan — inspired by but not branded for the Fox smash.

• Claire's began selling Glee accessories in September for younger fans. Choose from necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, hats, cosmetics, legwear, bags (there's one that says Kiss My Glee), wallets and paper goods. Tons more available elsewhere.

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SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS

The world's most popular sea sponge and his Bikini Bottom underworld are tailor-made for the holidays.

• If your little one can stomach a little real life (sometimes bad things happen to good animals), then wrap up the DVD of Oceans from Disneynature. The follow-up to Earth came out this year and is a visual celebration of sea creatures and their life cycles. Rated G.

• Natural sea sponges can be had in many shapes and sizes. Order some from Naturalbathandbodyshop.com and combine in a gift box full of fresh paints in sea tones and a roll of heavy paper for art projects. The site sells natural sponges that look like fingers, elephant ears and undersea vases.

• Mr. SquarePants is a merchandising machine, so there's no end of books, games, toys, sports gear and home decor available. Looking for something inspired by but not emblazoned with SpongeBob? Try Suzy Lee's wordless Wave, a lovely picture book about a girl on a beach first out in 2008.

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DANCING WITH THE STARS

Twelve seasons later, this glitzy competition is going strong. You're never too young or old to feel the beat, or trash celebs.

• Toning your tush to the tango might be just the ticket for the holidays. There are plenty of DWTS-inspired workouts on DVD. Watch for Dancing With the Stars: Ballroom Buns & Abs, featuring fitness pros Chelsie, Edyta and Kym. They promise sexy dancer curves in three workouts.

• Grab the hubs and go for Samba lessons. He'll groan but they're paid for already.

• For kid fans, Dance Star Mickey by Fisher-Price is catching some buzz for the holidays. This mighty animatronic robot mouse has different moves for different grooves. He walks, he talks, he tells jokes, he moonwalks. Just press his foot and away he goes.

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Album reviews

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Daft Punk
Album: Tron: Legacy
Label: Walt Disney
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No artist could fit a film better than Daft Punk with a sequel to Tron. Hiring an 85-piece orchestra to help out, they've defied most expectations as Tron: Legacy is more a true film score than a new Daft Punk album. As such, they've built a cinematic atmosphere, which unfortunately makes listening to it tricky without the revolutionary visuals. **Outstanding track:** Tron: Legacy (End Titles) ● CAM LINDSAY

Duffy
Album: Endlessly
Label: Universal
●●●
Duffy sticks to her retro groove with a rhythm section provided by The Roots and music written by 66-year-old Hall of Fame songwriter Albert Hammond. On a couple of tracks, like Lovestruck the squeaky Britpop singer drags herself from the mid-60s into the disco of the late 70s, complete with swirling violins. There are places on this CD where Duffy's nasally rasp is simply irritating. ● GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM

Deadmau5
Album: 4x4=12
Label: Virgin/EMI
●●●½
Deadmau5 might be an internationally acclaimed electro artist, but the noise maker is a born and bread Torontonian. Not that it matters, Joel Zimmerman, as his family calls him, makes gripping dance-floor sounds that anyone, anywhere can enjoy. His latest is a compilation of loosely connected songs. They all feature some kind of heavy drum beat, and they're mostly devoid of vocals. ● BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

T.I.
Album: No Mercy
Label: Grand Hustle/Atlantic
●●½
Originally titled King Uncaged, T.I.'s delayed seventh album was re-branded once he was ordered back to jail. No Mercy finds T.I. rapping about salvation and his mistakes but too much focus is placed on his player lifestyle. No Mercy falls flat, even with Kanye and Eminem standing tall by his side. **Outstanding track:** Pledge of Allegiance ● CAM LINDSAY

Christopher Dignan
Album: Let The Sparks Fly
Label: Independent
●●●●●
Mingling amongst musical sub-genres while still entirely unique, Toronto-based solo artist Dignan creates a sinewy mix of garage, shuffling rockabilly groove and indie rock on this pristine full-length. If ever there was a poster-boy for the future of Toronto's independent rock scene, Dignan is it. **Outstanding track:** I'm Feeling Good Now ● KEITH CARMEN

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A long road home for Broken Social Scene

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Most bands have a hard time keeping their lineup intact. When it comes to Toronto-based loose collective Broken Social Scene (BSS), however, it doesn't want the same members hitting the stage nightly.

While the concept sounds odd, a brief glimpse at the 11-year-old outfit's career proves its feasibility: four revered albums, universal praise, a consistent-yet-revolving door of talented contributors such as Leslie Feist, Metric's Emily Haines and Pavement's Spiral Stairs, and a unique style steeped in rock yet embracing all aspects of music.

BSS' popularity has found it relentlessly touring the globe since the May release of Forgiveness Rock Record (Arts & Crafts). Now, it is finally seeing the end in sight with two hometown gigs, tonight and tomorrow at Toronto's Sound Academy.

Founder/bassist/singer Brendan Canning sighs with relief to wrap up a whirlwind jaunt.

"There's never anything bittersweet about seeing the end in sight. It's nothing but pleasing," he quips. "We've been travelling so much, we've got Elite status with Air Canada now, which is helpful because we can carry more luggage like guitars ... and when you've got members coming and going, you've got a lot of instruments."

To that extent, Canning alludes to the band's homecoming gigs as a hotbed of potential surprise. Taunting with some names yet refusing to divulge much, he feigns ignorance about details to arouse speculation.

"(Stars') Amy (Milan) and Evan (Cranley) are in. As more emails go around about who's in town those nights, more commit. It'll be a full stage," he says. "The second night, we're not having a support act so we'll have everyone come up for some tunes

"Sometimes I don't know until a day before the show who's actually there, though...but it's looking like it might be a full cast of BSS characters.

"That's the rumour going around the email chain. I don't know how we keep it straight."

Pirates of the Caribbean. First Look

▶ Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) escapes the clutches of King George and his Royal Guards by leaping from carriage to carriage ... while they're still moving in a scene from the upcoming movie Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides.

Captain Jack is back in 3-D

Fans of the Pirates of the Caribbean might have to wait until May 20, 2011 to see the fourth movie in the franchise, On Stranger Tides, but Metro has a Canadian print exclusive first look at a scene from the film. This will be the first movie in the franchise that will be released in 3-D. It also introduces a new villain, Blackbeard (Ian McShane) and a new love interest for Captain Jack, Angelica (Penelope Cruz).

Duffy's repertoire continues to grow

With her first album, Duffy became a Grammy winner, a platinum-selling artist and an international sensation.

But while the petite blonde from Wales had been working diligently for her moment in the spotlight, when it came, she didn't feel quite like she earned all that adulation.

"I remember playing for 60,000 people thinking, 'You only know me for 10 songs,'" she said recently. "I want to show you that there's more. I want to earn that kind of celebration."

She's hoping to do that with Endlessly. Her sophomore album (a new term for Duffy that she delightfully pronounces "soft-more") is a bit more upbeat than her debut, Rockferry, and features collaborations with Al Hammond Sr. and ?uestlove from The Roots.

"I'm bringing more aspects of myself to this record," she said. "I'm a catalogue artist now! ... It kind of feels surreal."

You're working with new people on this record. Why switch things up when the first album was such a success?

It would be easy for someone to rest on their laurels. ... But for me, I wanted to keep testing myself, to (keep) challenging myself, and actually it happened quite accidentally that I ended up working with other people.

What did Hammond and ?uestlove bring to the table?

Well, it was an interesting mix of people: Myself from Wales, 26 years old; Albert Hammond from Gibraltar, sort of Spanish influence, who is 66; and then you had The Roots, who are a bunch of really cool young guys, notorious for their unbelievable hip-hop rhythm section. I think it was daring but I was very happy with what came back. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Snipes' prison talk

Wesley Snipes stopped by Larry King's talk show to discuss his impending imprisonment and what he's doing to avoid time behind bars.

"We still have prayers out there, Larry, and we believe in miracles.

"Don't send me up the river yet," Snipes said. "Any man would be nervous if his liberty was at stake.

"Right now, I'm more upset and disappointed that the system seems to not be working for me."

Snipes is due to begin his three-year prison sentence in Pennsylvania today for willful failure to file federal income tax returns.

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▶ In an upcoming TV special Oprah says she's not a lesbian.

Oprah lesbian rumours

Oprah Winfrey says she's not a lesbian, not even a little bit.

Her long personal and professional connection with Gayle King has sparked rumours that they are gay, but Winfrey denies it in an upcoming interview with ABC's Barbara Walters.

"I'm not even kind of a lesbian," Winfrey says.

Persistent gossip to the contrary annoys her, she says, explaining that, if it were true, "Why would you want to hide it? That is not the way I run my life."

Asked to describe her relationship with King, Winfrey calls her "the mother I never had, the sister everybody would want. She is the friend that everybody deserves."

Winfrey's eyes moisten and her voice chokes as she adds, "I don't know a better person."

Winfrey ends her daytime talk show next spring and, on Jan. 1, launch a cable channel, the Oprah Winfrey Network.

That venture has given her moments of panic. "I would wake up in the middle of the night clutching my chest, like, 'What have I done?'" she tells Walters.

A Barbara Walters Special: Oprah, The Next Chapter will air Thursday at 9 p.m. EST.

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Celebrity tweets

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Famous faces

When one thinks of Anna Wintour, hip hop doesn't normally come to mind. Yet, there she is, making an appearance on Sean "Diddy" Combs and Dirty Money's new album, Last Train to Paris. The album list of guest stars reads like a fashion week show schedule with Marc Jacobs, Andre Leon Talley, Zac Posen and Isaac Mizrahi delivering lines as well. Go to americanvogue.com to get a preview of it all. METRO

Outdoor adventurers setting the outerwear for city and suburbia too

Meet Edward Buchanan, Rad Hourani, Alexa Adams and Flora Gill — the designers behind three exciting new labels that are sure to some day influence the way we dress.

Remember their names

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

When it comes to fashion, young designers often go in and out of style as frequently as the trends they produce. But in a seemingly endless sea of Ones To Watch, there are those few who reveal themselves to have real staying power. Here are three emerging names who you will soon be hearing a lot about.

The designer: Edward Buchanan of Sansovino 6

The innovation: Knitted jeans and re-invented basics

The buzz: Buchanan is a seasoned behind-the-scenes vet who worked for marquee brands (Giorgio Armani, Calvin Klein) before the Italian house Bottega Veneta hired him as a design director. Six years later, he moved back to Manhattan to consult Jennifer Lopez and Sean Diddy Combs on their clothing lines.

"But I never was that designer who was interested in celebrity," Buchanan says. "So I returned to Europe. Sansovino 6 was that answer to what I had been wanting as a designer."

The line is also the answer to what many of us are missing from our closets.

"I asked all of my friends what they wanted for their wardrobes but couldn't find," he explains.

He took their answers — jeans that look modern but feel old and worn in, for instance — and made the knitwear equivalent. The end result is a collection of reinvented staples, such as a pair of skinny jeans that look rough and worn but is in fact completely knitted.

The designer: Rad Hourani

The innovation: Unisex separates

The buzz: Usually, when you think of the word unisex, nondescript T-shirts and parkas come to mind. But Rad Hourani's eponymous clothing line features intricately constructed separates that blur the gender lines.

"When I'm designing a collection, I don't think to myself that I am designing for men or women," says the self-taught designer

who splits his time between Paris and New York.

"I do things without gender or season. It's about defying those limitations that are so often self-imposed. I think people should use their own brains to understand … what they like or don't like, rather than allow it to be externally decided," he adds.

The designers: Flora Gill and Alexa Adams

▶ Adams and Gill

The innovation: The line's name means "no title" in German, and the New York-based duo's work aptly has a quality to it that's difficult to put your finger on. It's powerful and yet soft. It cuts a clear line, but sculpts the body as well.

The buzz: Their fanbase grows by the season (Vogue Paris editor Carine Roitfeld bought a coat off the runway) as does their accolades. They've been nominated for both the CFDA Vogue Fashion Fund and Swiss Textile Awards.

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Swift exudes ethereal style

Don't look for Taylor Swift in rumpled clothes and no makeup: She's not interested in dressing down to go incognito.

Gowns, red lipstick, hairstylists, front-row runway seats — and, as icing, a CoverGirl model contract — are perks of her fame. She's not going to run away from them, especially if her fans are watching.

"When I'm in Nashville, I feel like I can go natural and not really worry about it, but I generally love makeup and I love dress-up. That's why award shows are so much fun for me," Swift says.

"I'd never wish away makeup and getting all dolled up."

She owes it to her supporters to put on a good show, she says, and at 5'10" she'd stand out in a crowd anyway.

In her new CoverGirl NatureLuxe ads debuting this week, she has a more ethereal vibe.

Yes, she says, there have been quite a few offers to be a spokeswoman for products, but some make more sense than others.

But, Swift adds, her whole life isn't going to become a commercial.

"I love cooking, but I'm not going to pursue that." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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▶ Taylor Swift

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Three reasons why this graphics mash-up works.

1 Delphine Brossard, fashion editor for the French edition of Cosmo magazine, is a professional, which would explain why and how she's able to pull this off. Not that you can't emulate the look on your own. The reason why this outfit falls on the chic side of bold is because she chose conflicting graphic prints. That might sound counter-intuitive, but it's a much more interesting approach than wearing one graphic head-to-toe. (If you're wondering, her scarf is by Meilleur Ami, and the sweater and leggings are by H&M. The boots are Surface to Air.)

2 She struck the right balance by pairing her loud separates with neutral accessories and outerwear. Delphine's ivory sweater, caramel tote and black boots perfectly contrast the colourful busy-ness of the graphics.

3 Doesn't her confidence just leap off the page? Attitude is everything.

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guru's wish list

Be the 'host with the most' with these unique items

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Living downtown means I have a lot of friends and family who surprise me with visits while they are in the city doing their holiday errands. As a home entertaining enthusiast, I love all the toys that can help make a guest's visit a memorable one. Here are a few things on my wish-list that I hope to find under the tree this year.

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Providing space for a house guest's things is as important as providing a place to sleep, because it will help you maintain order in the home, says Laura Barnett, an interior designer. You have to strike a balance between "making the guest feel welcome and not making you feel like your home's been taken over," she said.

That's especially true during holiday visits, when there tends to be extra clutter and activity, said Randi Destefano of Authentic Living Interiors in Atlanta. Before guests arrive, think about where they will store their luggage, and how much space they may need for clothes and personal items.

If possible, empty a drawer or a shelf in the bathroom for guests to use during their stay, she said. Otherwise, provide a basket or plastic container in which guests can store toiletries and things they need to access throughout the day.

If your home is small or there's not much extra storage, Destefano recommends buying an ottoman with a storage compartment.

"It's a great place to store the bedding and pillows," she said. "They're available at all different price points."

Try to locate your guest in a spot that allows some privacy, Destefano said. She suggests placing air mattresses or sleeping bags in nooks or low-traffic areas of the house.

It's acceptable to ask guests to put away their bedding or close up a sleeper couch each morning, particularly if they are sleeping in a home office or other room that family members need to use, Barnett said."Make a rule that they make their bed or move stuff off the furniture," she said.

If an adult is going to sleep in a child's room, try to clear out toys and clutter, said Hoyt Dottry, president of the South Carolina Bed and Breakfast Association. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A fiery new twist on a classic

Restaurant veterans at Meat & Bread reinvent meatball sandwich

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Meatball sandwich. What comes to mind? Perhaps a scanty cluster of round clumps lifelessly treading in diluted tomato sauce?

The restaurant veterans behind Meat & Bread, a new, brilliantly designed sandwich shop kitty corner from Victory Square is serving an exciting version of the classic ($7).

The creation's full-flavoured filler — a blend of beef and pork — sits loosely on a mini hot-out-of-the-oven ciabatta loaf. Sprinkles of breadcrumbs (for crunch) are added along with Meat & Bread's own garlicky, spicy sambal.

The finishing touch is sharp Romano cheese, shaved thinly and placed to melt on the hot meat. Drops of house-made French mustard and sambal — vital for dipping — are included on your lunch's paper-lined wooden board.

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Here are a few standouts to jump-start your gift-giving.

FOR THE KIDS

For a book heavier on story than on cooking, check out Soup Day (Henry Holt, 2010). On a blustery day, a little girl helps her mom select and chop vegetables for a warming winter soup. Idyllic and cosy with colourful, textured illustrations, the book also offers a perfect recipe for tiny hands.

For kids who like to make themselves a little something, The Winnie-the-Pooh Cookbook (Dutton, 2010) offers easy-to-follow recipes for smackerels like Poohand-piglet pancakes and honey toffee apples. Original drawings by Ernest Shepard and memorable Pooh quotes make this reissue of Virginia Ellison's 1969 classic a must-have for fans of the bear.

FOR DEVOTED FOODIES

Amanda Hesser insists her The Essential New York Times Cookbook (Norton, 2010) is not an update of the Craig Claiborne classic, but rather a new chronicle of the best New York Times recipes dating back to 1850. Dense, serious and heavy enough to double as a weapon, the book covers everything from Claiborne's cheese fondue and vichyssoise a la Ritz to watermelon gazpacho and the pork belly tea sandwiches at a hip New York restaurant.

Rounding out the New York Times trifecta is Molly O'Neill's One Big Table (Simon and Schuster, 2010), a collection of 600 recipes that chronicle the diversity of American food. It features recipes taken from pit masters, farmers, home cooks and chefs around the United States.

The former Times food columnist includes recipes such as Farideh Khoury's muhammara, a Detroit mom's formula for the Syrian red pepper and walnut paste, and Mike DiMuccio's Rhode Island fried calamari, a plumber's pepper-spiked take on squid. With homey photos of some of her contributors, One Big Table is an album of America's rich culinary history.

FOR THE BAKER

Cookies, cakes, pies and breads. If you can make it with flour it's in The King Arthur Flour 200th Anniversary Cookbook (Countryman, 2010). This indispensable volume from the famous flour miller also covers the science of baking, from primers on leavening, to notes on flaky pastry and hints for homemade pasta. A go-to reference for all baking needs.

Your sweet-tooth baker will appreciate Sweet Chic (Ballantine, 2010), a collection of confections by the owner of New York bakery Tribeca Treats. From easy homemade thin mints to multi-stepped masterpieces like sweet-and-salty cake (think devil's food with caramel and fleur de sel), the recipes in this book are great for a rainy day or a big celebration.

FOR DIY TYPES

Arranged by season for the freshest results, The Blue Chair Jam Cookbook (Andrews McMeel, 2010) contains more than 100 recipes for jams, preserves and marmalades. Winter brings marmalades of bergamot, pink grapefruit and Meyer lemons. Spring is time for rhubarb, strawberries, apricots and other eagerly anticipated fruits inventively combined into rosemary-scented marmalades, orange- blossom jams and good old solid preserves. This book is ideal for anyone who dreams of "putting up" their favourite fruits.

Ever made your own butter? Smoked your own salmon? Foraged for your own salad? Forgotten Skills of Cooking (Kyle Books, 2010) by Darina Allen — sometimes called "the Julia Child of Ireland" — contains more than 700 recipes for just such tasks. After you've proven your chops on homemade ketchup and foraged elderflower fritters, traditional fare like roast chicken and pheasant braised in Cork gin provides a rest.

FOR CELEBRITY HOUNDS

Got a Food Network junkie in the family? Spark 'em up with Tyler Florence Family Meal (Rodale, 2010), a guide to dinners that range from fast, kid-friendly pastas to feast-worthy roasts. Dishes such as angel hair with arugula take care of everyone on a Tuesday. But if you're gunning for Saturday night praise, a crown roast stuffed with apple and pecan dressing or a fish fry with sausage hushpuppies ought to do the trick. A well-rounded ode to gather-worthy fare with celeb flair.

Some people (mostly women) are actually interested in how Nigella cooks, not how she looks. Nigella Kitchen: Recipes from the Heart of the Home (Hyperion, 2010) is a jumble of family food from barbecued beef (think sloppy Joes) to ginger-and-apricot spiced African drumsticks. While most will probably avoid the spaghetti with marmite (it's a British thing), other recipes such as egg-and-bacon salad or Indian-spiced lamb chops should help keep your family's menu interesting.

GENERAL GOOD GIFT BOOKS

Harold McGee isn't happy just eating food. The scientist/gourmet has to know how it all works. His new Keys to Good Cooking: A Guide to Making the Best Foods and Recipes (Penguin, 2010) outlines how brining keeps meat moist, why boiled items have less flavour than roasted, what makes potatoes mushy, and generally answers everything you ever wanted to know about food science but were afraid to ask. For that pesky relative who just can't stay away from the meat thermometer.

Don't force open a pressure cooker. And if you do, don't put your face over it. Do not think that Boston baked beans are a good addition to curry. And never, ever use garlic if you are cooking for the British. These are but a few of the tips offered by the stunningly amusing The How Not To Cookbook (Rizzoli, 2010), an assemblage of advice from 1,000 cooks around the world. A good laugh - and perhaps a cautionary tale.

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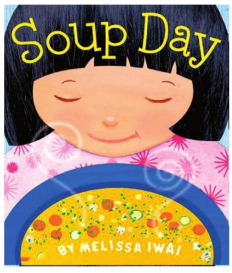

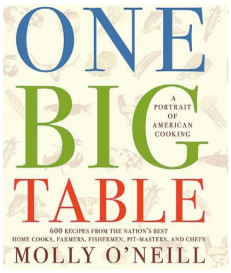
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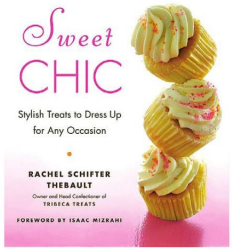

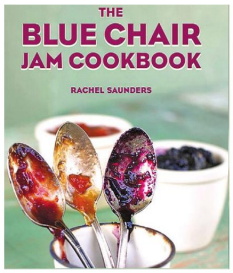

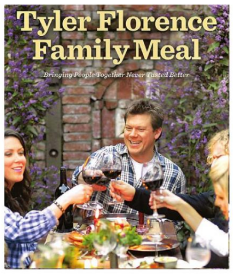

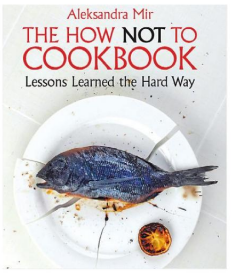

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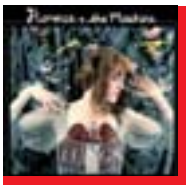

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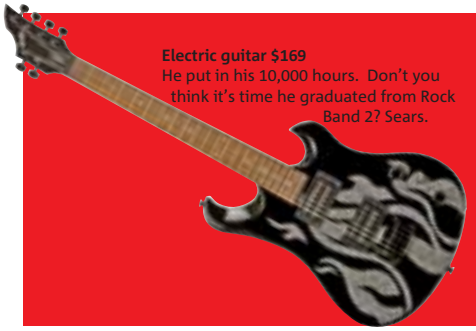

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5 projects for the DIY gift-giver

Sometimes a new twist on an old idea is all it takes for a beautiful handmade gift to be born.

If you're inclined to make your own gifts this holiday season, read on for five ideas that are both simple and fresh.

Silhouette on canvas

Haile McCollum of Thomasville, Ga., is her family's de facto genealogist, the keeper of heirlooms and ancestral silhouette portraits. She also has a background in graphic design, and has reinvented the silhouette with her own two sons – and the family dog, Amos – as subjects. Her idea is featured in Crafting a Meaningful Home (STC Craft/Melanie Falick Books, 2010).

McCollum simplified and updated the silhouette using modern technology; silhouettes are decoupaged onto painted canvas rather than secreted behind frames.

To make the silhouette, paint a small oval-stretched canvas with acrylic paint and let dry. With a digital camera, take a profile photo – only a head shot – of the subject. Upload the photo to a computer and resize. Print the photo and carefully cut it out, getting as many details as possible. Secure this pattern onto a sheet of heavyweight paper and cut it to match. Adhere profile to canvas using decoupage glue; let it dry. Paint another thin layer of decoupage glue over the entire canvas.

McCollum recommends experimenting with paper and colour, perhaps putting a hot-pink silhouette onto a bright orange background, or putting brown on blue. Paper with a tight pattern may look good, too. Card stock works best for the silhouette, says McCollum, who owns a personalized stationery and gift company called Fontaine Maury.

The silhouettes needn't even be paper. For example, they can be cut out of fabric and sewn or glued onto pillow cases. "In our bedroom, we have our two sons on our two pillows on our bed. It's really cute," says McCollum.

Personalized pillow

Kim Johnson of Estero, Fla., is an illustrator and amateur photographer whose artistic canvas is the pillow. She sews her own out of a felt fabric made from recycled plastic bottles, and embellishes the pillows with the same soft felt.

The self-taught sewer says that working with felt is especially easy because the material doesn't fray. The felt at fabric stores will work, but Johnson uses higher-end wool felt and bamboo felt that she buys from the online dealer Feltorama.

In a hurry? Buy a good-looking pillow and embellish it with felt using fabric glue. Need inspiration? Check out Johnson's ideas at her Etsy online shop, photographik.

Paper photo pendant

If you've ever made your own cardboard photo frames, this idea is that in miniature, on a ribbon.

Aubrey Avila of Marion, N.C., was trying to create a locket for her children's photos when she hit on this simple idea, tutorials for which she sells at her Etsy shop, Decelerate.

The craft goes something like this: Cut out a 7.5-by-4-cm (3-by-1-1/2-inch) square of thin cardboard (cereal boxes work well). Fold it in half. Cut an opening for the photo that measures 2.5-by-1-cm (1-by-1/2-inch) on one half side. Cover this with a heavy-weighted paper, such as card stock - something with a small, tight design. Fold the paper over the cardboard, making sure the edges are smooth; use hot glue to secure. At the photo opening, cut a small "x" and carefully peel back the paper, leaving a clean finish; glue edges down.

Wrap 20-gauge wire around the spine of the frame and make a loop at the top for inserting ribbon. Finally, glue the two sides of the frame together, leaving the bottom open for inserting a tiny image. Vellum can be inserted with the photo to protect it.

Avila says the fit is tight enough that the image won't fall out.

The pendant is perfect for holiday gift-giving, and it's easy enough for kids to make with a little parental guidance, she says.

"You want something that can be customized," says Avila. "I think that makes a gift more meaningful. That's the whole idea."

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▶ Silhouette on canvas

The techee sleeve

Architects-turned-crafting entrepreneurs, Kim Mason and Christina Guerrero of Philadelphia teamed up last summer to create the Etsy online store Rogue Theory. They sell all kinds of colourful "sleeves" for protecting today's high-tech toys, from Kindles to iPods.

It's a colourful twist on a simple idea: The sleeves incorporate two pieces of cotton fabric, sewn right sides together, with a polyester interfacing that adds padding without bulk. The fabric then is folded and sewn up the sides to dimensions that allow for a snug techie-toy fit.

"The big thing is to keep it simple and sleek," says Mason. "It's a lot like designing a building. We think if the design is on point, you can put any fabric on it and personalize it for any person."

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▶ Recycled sweater scarf

Recycled Sweater Scarf

Michele Beschen of Van Meter, Iowa, hosts "b. organic" on public television. She recently contributed several ideas for handmade gifts to HGTV.com's "Handmade Holidays," which ties into the cable network's one-hour special "15 Fresh Handmade Gift Ideas," which airs through December.

On the show and online, Beschen shares her infinity scarf, cut from a single sweater with minimal sewing.

"You can still give a knitted item without knowing how to knit," she says.

Use the knitted fabric of one sweater, or combine the colours and textures of several sweaters into one scarf, suggests Beschen, who uses acrylic or acrylic-blend sweaters because they keep their shape and drape well.

"Play with the colours, how the knits lay together," she advises.

Incorporate the sweater's other features, such as buttons or a pocket, into the scarf. When making a gift, Beschen advises using muted colours that can be incorporated into anyone's wardrobe.

To make the scarf: Using a single sweater, cut around it under the armholes, or according to desired width. Finish the cut edge by hand or machine stitching. Instructions for combining the fabric of two sweaters into one scarf are at HGTV.com/handmade.

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The legendary holiday Turducken

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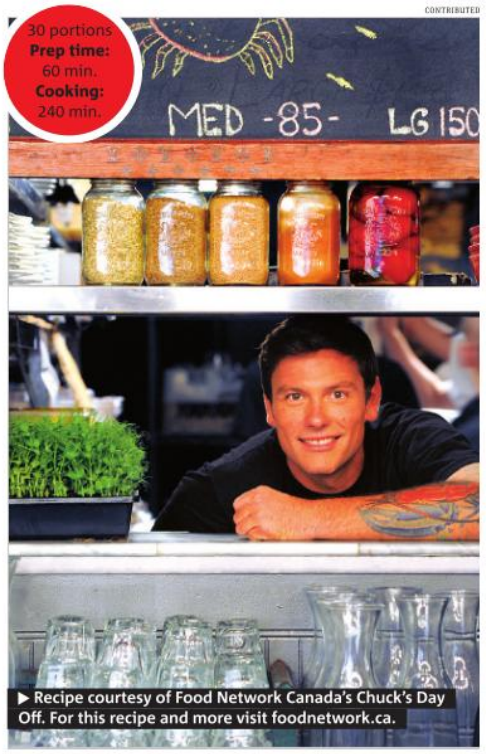

30 portions
Prep time: 60 min.
Cooking: 240 min.

▶ Recipe courtesy of Food Network Canada's Chuck's Day Off. For this recipe and more visit foodnetwork.ca.

For a standout dish, try this — your guests will be speechless

Ingredients:

- 1x25 pound turkey, deboned
- 1x5 pound duck, deboned
- 1x3 1/2 pound chicken, deboned
- 1 Italian truffle
- 1/2 cup smoked paprika (125 ml)
- 1/2 cup melted butter (125 ml)
- Salt and pepper
- Stuffing

Preparation:

1. Spread the turkey, skin down, on a flat surface, exposing as much meat as possible. Sprinkle the meat generously and evenly with a total of about 3 tablespoons of the smoked paprika, patting the seasoning in with your hands. (Be sure to turn the leg, thigh and wing meat to the outside so you can season it too.) Season with salt and pepper.
2. Stuff some stuffing in the leg, thigh and wing cavities until full but not tightly packed. (If too tightly packed, it may cause the leg and wing to burst open during cooking.)
   Spread an even layer of stuffing over the remaining exposed meat, about 1/2 to 3/4 inches thick. You should use a total of about 4 cups of stuffing.
3. For the duck, remove some of the fat and keep aside. Place the duck, skin down, on top of stuffing, arranging the duck evenly over the stuffing. Season the exposed duck meat generously and evenly with smoked paprika, using about 1 tablespoon, and pressing it in with your hands. Season with salt and pepper.
   Then spread about 1 cup of the stuffing evenly over the exposed duck meat, making the layer slightly less thick, about 1/2 inch thick. Repeat with the chicken and the remaining stuffing. Place an Italian truffle in the centre (optional).
4. With the assistance of your helper, carefully lift the open Turducken into an ungreased 15x11 baking pan that is at least 2-1/2 inches deep. (Note: this pan size is ideal because the Turducken fits snugly in the pan and stays in the proper shape while cooking.)
5. Enlist someone's help to close Turducken. Fold the sides of the turkey together to close the bird. Have your helper hold the turkey closed while you sew up all the openings, making the stitches about 1 inch apart.
   When you finish sewing up the Turducken on the first side, turn it over in the pan to sew closed any openings in the other side. Then tie the legs together, just above the tip bones.
   Leave the Turducken to cook, breast side up, in the pan, tucking in the turkey wings.
6. Place the Turducken pan in a slightly larger pan with sides at least 2-1/2" deep, so that the larger pan will catch the overflow of drippings during cooking. Season the exposed side of the Turducken with the remaining smoked paprika, patting it in with your hands. Brush with melted butter.
7. Bake the Turducken at 325F (170C), about 4 hours, until done, or until a meat thermometer inserted through to the centre reads 165 °F. When done, remove the turducken from the oven and let rest for about 15 minutes.

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This is the futuristic motion controller from Microsoft Corp. It removes remotes entirely from the gaming experience. Kinect is basically a fancy camera that tracks your movements, hand gestures and voice. It can also recognize faces and scan in objects so you can use them in certain games. This holiday season, retailers are also bundling Kinect with a low-end version of the Xbox 360 at a discount.

Good for: Families with young kids, anyone averse to games with lots of buttons and complex controls.

Cost: $150 for the standalone Kinect camera system, or $300 for the Kinect with a 4 gigabyte Xbox 360. Both come with a game, Kinect Adventures.

PlayStation Move from Sony Corp.

Sony says it had considered selling a controller-free controller a la Kinect but then thought better of it. Many games, it turns out, simply work better when you are holding a remote in your hand. Sony Corp.'s Move is that remote, at least if you are a PlayStation 3 fan.

Good for: Wii owners ready to move on to high-definition games and first-person shooters, though for now the bulk of Move games are more limited to more "casual" titles.

Cost: $100 for a bundle that includes the PlayStation Eye camera, one Move controller and a game, Sports Champions. For $400 total, you get all that plus a 32 gigabyte PlayStation 3.

Nintendo Wii and accessories

To celebrate 25 years of Super Mario, Nintendo is selling a limited edition red version of the Wii this holiday season, which could make for a good gift for anyone on your list obsessed with this classic video game icon. The console comes with a red controller and two games.

A great new accessory this year is the uDraw GameTablet from THQ Inc. It's essentially a mini art studio that lets players of all ages paint, doodle and colour using a small tablet and an attached stylus.

Good for: Kids, families ready to graduate from the now very old PlayStation 2, little brothers and little sisters.

Cost: $200 for the red Mario bundle, $40 for each additional remote plus $20 for a Nunchuck. The uDraw tablet is $70, with extra games such as Pictionary available for $30 each.

OnLive MicroConsole

This new game console is so small it could easily fit in a Christmas stocking, and at $99 it's almost cheap enough to stuff in there. The console plugs into players' TV sets and comes with a generic wireless controller for traditional shooter video games.

Good for: Adventurous gamers with their eye on the next big thing. Budget-minded gamers who want to try before they buy. OnLive offers short-term game rentals for a fee.

Cost: $99 for the console. There is a Netflix-style "all-you-can-play" service for $10 per month, though the games available through it are older. Separately, games are available to rent for three or five days for about $5 to $9. Buying games for unlimited play costs the same as a traditional hard copy for a console or PC.

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▶ Ducks goalie Curtis McElhinney makes a pad save with Canucks forward Alexandre Burrows in close last night.

Ryan Kesler tied the game in the final minute of regulation and Jeff Tambellini scored the only goal in the shootout as the Vancouver Canucks came back to beat the Anaheim Ducks 5-4 yesterday.

The Canucks (15-8-3) posted their fifth win in six games while the Ducks suffered their third loss in four outings.

Tambellini beat Ducks goaltender Jonas Hiller with a quick shot, then Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo secured the win by stopping Corey Perry on Anaheim's final attempt.

Kesler sent the game to overtime with 21.5 seconds left in the game. He backhanded the puck in off Hiller's stick while lying down.

Tambellini also scored in regulation while Kesler led the Canucks with two goals. Daniel Sedin also scored.

Perry, Joffrey Lupul, with his first goal in a year, Teemu Selanne and Cam Fowler scored for Anaheim.

The Canucks led 2-1 after the first period but trailed 3-2 after the second. Vancouver converted two of seven power-play chances while Anaheim scored on two of four.

Anaheim starting goaltender Curtis McElhinney made several great saves before being forced to leave the game 13 minutes into the third period due to an injury. McElhinney stopped 24 of 27 shots while Hiller blocked 12 of 13.

Tambellini's regulation goal was his third in six games since being recalled from Manitoba of the AHL.

In overtime, Luongo stopped Nick Bonino on a rush up the middle. The Canucks had a power play with 19 seconds left as Perry was called for roughing, but could not score.

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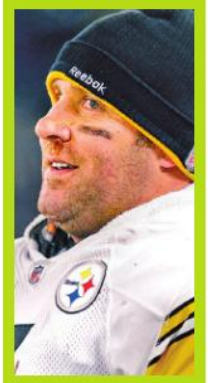

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d-Pittsburgh	30	20	8	2	0	96	69	42	10-5-1-0	10-3-1-0	10-0-0-0	W
d-Washington	29	18	8	1	2	96	79	39	12-2-0-2	6-6-1-0	4-4-0-2	L3
d-Montreal	28	18	8	2	0	75	54	38	11-4-2-0	7-4-0-0	6-3-1-0	W3
Philadelphia	29	17	7	2	3	99	74	39	10-5-0-2	7-2-2-1	5-2-0-3	L1
Boston	26	15	8	0	3	75	52	33	6-5-0-2	9-3-0-1	5-3-0-2	W1
Tampa Bay	27	15	9	2	1	84	94	33	7-2-1-1	8-7-1-0	7-2-0-1	W1
Atlanta	28	15	10	1	2	88	80	33	9-5-0-1	6-5-1-1	8-2-0-0	W2
NY Rangers	29	16	12	1	0	83	77	33	6-8-1-0	10-4-0-0	6-4-0-0	L2
Buffalo	28	11	13	4	0	70	76	26	5-8-1-0	6-5-3-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Ottawa	29	12	15	1	1	62	85	26	7-7-0-1	5-8-1-0	3-6-0-1	L1
Carolina	26	11	12	0	3	75	84	25	6-5-0-1	5-7-0-2	3-4-0-3	L1
Florida	27	12	15	0	0	70	73	24	6-5-0-0	6-10-0-0	3-7-0-0	L1
Toronto	27	10	13	2	2	61	81	24	7-5-2-1	3-8-0-1	4-5-1-0	L1
New Jersey	27	8	17	1	1	50	81	18	4-6-1-1	4-11-0-0	3-7-0-0	L3
NY Islanders	25	5	15	3	2	53	83	15	3-6-1-1	2-9-2-1	1-6-2-1	L3

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d-Dallas	27	16	9	0	2	79	74	34	10-3-0-1	6-6-0-1	6-2-0-2	L2
d-Vancouver	26	15	8	1	2	85	68	33	9-3-0-1	6-5-1-1	5-4-1-0	W1
Chicago	30	16	12	1	1	95	87	34	8-8-0-0	8-4-1-1	7-3-0-0	W2
Phoenix	26	13	7	4	2	74	72	32	5-3-2-2	8-4-2-0	7-2-0-1	W1
San Jose	27	14	9	4	0	83	77	32	7-4-2-0	7-5-2-0	5-4-1-0	W2
Nashville	27	13	8	4	2	68	70	32	5-1-3-2	8-7-1-0	5-2-1-2	W1
Anaheim	31	14	13	2	2	78	94	32	9-6-0-1	5-7-2-1	4-5-0-1	L1
Columbus	26	15	10	0	1	70	71	31	7-7-0-1	8-3-0-0	5-4-0-1	W1
Los Angeles	25	15	10	0	0	69	61	30	10-2-0-0	5-8-0-0	3-7-0-0	W2
St. Louis	26	13	9	2	2	67	72	30	8-2-0-1	5-7-2-1	4-5-1-0	W1
Colorado	27	13	10	4	0	94	86	30	7-4-1-0	6-6-3-0	4-3-3-0	L4
Minnesota	26	11	11	1	3	63	76	26	7-6-0-2	4-5-1-1	3-5-1-1	L5
Calgary	28	12	14	1	1	78	84	26	7-6-0-0	5-8-1-1	4-4-1-1	W1
Edmonton	27	10	12	1	4	72	96	25	4-6-1-1	6-6-1-2	6-2-0-2	L1

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Last night's results
San Jose 5 Philadelphia 4 (SO)
Pittsburgh 5 Toronto 2
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Tuesday's results
Anaheim 3 Edmonton 2 (SO)
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N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Florida at Washington, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Calgary at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

PENGUINS 5, LEAFS 2

First Period
1. Pittsburgh, Crosby 25 (Kunitz, Cooke) 8:35
Penalties — Toronto bench (too many men; served by Kessel) 5:26, Crosby Pgh (roughing) 6:13, Asham Pgh (roughing) 12:49, Orr Tor, Engelland Pgh (fighting) 15:47.
Second Period
2. Pittsburgh, Dupuis 7 (Kunitz) 11:38 (sh)
3. Pittsburgh, Letestu 5 (Kennedy, Conner) 13:13
4. Pittsburgh, Crosby 26 (Kunitz, Orpik) 14:46
Penalties — Toronto bench (too many men; served by Orr) 5:11, Adams Pgh (boarding) 10:25, Komisarek Tor, Asham Pgh (fighting) 16:03, Kessel Tor (slashing) 16:47, Versteeg Tor (slashing), Fleury Pgh (slashing; served by Conner) 19:44.
Third Period
5. Toronto, Bozak 4 (Kessel, Versteeg) 4:36 (pp)
6. Toronto, Grabovski 7 (Kaberle, Kulemin) 8:38
7. Pittsburgh, Letestu 6 (Kennedy, Goligoski) 17:06
Penalties — Komisarek Tor (roughing, fighting), Rupp Pgh (boarding, fighting) 3:03, Rosehill Tor (charging, fighting), Godard Pgh (instigator, fighting, misconduct), Crosby Pgh (cross-checking, roughing) 3:43, Cooke Pgh (tripping) 9:42.
Shots

Toronto	4	6	15	25
Pittsburgh	13	11	2	26

Goal — Toronto: Gustavsson (L,4-8-2); Pittsburgh: Fleury (W,13-6-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Toronto: 1-6; Pittsburgh: 0-3. **Att.endance** — 18,158 (18,087) at Pittsburgh.

CANUCKS 5, DUCKS 4 (SO)

First Period
1. Anaheim, Perry 13 (Getzlaf, Selanne) 4:37 (pp)
2. Vancouver, Kesler 11 (Edler, Ehrhoff) 6:20
3. Vancouver, Tambellini 5 (Hamhuis, Raymond) 6:31 (pp)
Penalties — Sbisa Ana, Bolduc Vcr (fighting), Glass Vcr (roughing) 2:49, Ryan Ana (roughing) 4:45, Ehrhoff Vcr (holding) 12:06, Lupul Ana (holding) 12:24, Koivu Ana (elbowing) 17:08.
Second Period
4. Anaheim, Lupul 1 (Marchant, Visnovsky) 9:35
5. Anaheim, Selanne 10 (Perry) 19:43 (pp)
Penalties — Voros Ana (fighting, game misconduct), Bieksa Vcr (fighting) 0:16, Perry Ana (holding stick) 17:35, Edler Vcr (tripping) 18:24.
Third Period
6. Anaheim, Fowler 3 (Marchant, Mara) 11:36
7. Vancouver, D.Sedin 15 (Ehrhoff, Edler), 12:42 (pp)
8. Vancouver, Kesler 12 (Malhotra, H.Sedin) 19:38
Penalties — Sutton Ana (hooking) 2:54, Tambellini Vcr (charging) 10:12, Perry Ana (holding) 11:06,
Overtime — No Scoring.
Penalty — Perry Ana (roughing) 4:41.
Shootout — Vancouver wins 1-0
Vancouver (1) — Tambellini, goal; Kesler, miss; D.Sedin, miss; Anaheim (0) — Lupul, miss; Selanne, miss; Perry, miss.
Shots

Anaheim	7	8	2	3—20
Vancouver	12	7	15	6—40

Goal (shots-saves) — Anaheim: McElhinney (27-24), Hiller (SOL,12-11-3)(12:42 of third)(13-12); Vancouver: Luongo (W,12-8-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Anaheim: 2-4; Vancouver: 2-7.
Referees — Steve Kozari, Tim Peel, **Linesmen** — Ryan Galloway, Don Henderson.
Att. — 18,860 (18,860) at Vancouver

SOCCER

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

First Round
x — clinched berth in second round
THIRD-PLACE TEAMS ADVANCE TO EUROPA LEAGUE
(home teams listed first)
Group A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Tottenham	6	3	2	1	18	11	11
x-Inter Milan	6	3	1	2	12	11	10
Twente	6	1	3	2	9	11	6
Werder Bremen	6	1	2	3	6	12	5

x — clinched berth in second round
Tuesday's results
Twente 3 Tottenham 3
Werder Bremen 3 Inter Milan 0
Group B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Schalke	6	4	1	1	10	3	13
x-Lyon	6	3	1	2	11	10	10
Benfica	6	2	0	4	7	12	6
Hapoel Tel Aviv	6	1	2	3	7	10	5

x — clinched berth in second round.
Tuesday's results
Benfica 1 Schalke 2
Lyon 2 Hapoel Tel-Aviv 2
Group C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Manchester Utd	6	4	2	0	7	1	14
x-Valencia	6	3	2	1	15	4	11
Glasgow Rangers	6	1	3	2	3	6	6
Burasper	6	0	1	5	2	16	1

Tuesday's results
Bursaspor 1 Glasgow Rangers 1
Manchester United 1 Valencia 1
Group D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Barcelona	6	4	2	0	14	3	14
x-Copenhagen	6	3	1	2	7	5	10
Rubin Kazan	6	1	3	2	2	4	6
Panathinaikos	6	0	2	4	2	13	2

Tuesday's results
Barcelona 2 Rubin Kazan 0
Copenhagen 3 Panathinaikos 1
Group E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Bayern Munich	6	5	0	1	16	6	15
x-AS Roma	6	3	1	2	10	9	10
Basel	6	2	0	4	8	11	6
Cluj	6	1	1	4	6	12	4

Yesterday's results
Bayern Munich 3 Basel 0
Cluj 1 AS Roma 1
Group F

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Chelsea	6	5	0	1	14	4	15
x-Marseille	6	4	0	2	12	3	12
Spartak Moscow	6	3	0	3	7	10	9
Zilina	6	0	0	6	3	19	0

Yesterday's results
Marseille 1 Chelsea 0
Zilina 1 Spartak Moscow 2
Group G

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Real Madrid	6	5	1	0	15	2	16
x-AC Milan	6	2	2	2	7	7	8
Ajax	6	2	1	3	6	10	7
Auxerre	6	1	0	5	3	12	3

Yesterday's results
AC Milan 0 Ajax 2
Real Madrid 4 Auxerre 0
Group H

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Shakhtar Donetsk	6	5	0	1	12	6	15
x-Arsenal	6	4	0	2	18	7	12
Braga	6	3	0	3	5	11	9
Partizan Belgrade	6	0	0	6	2	13	0

Yesterday's results
Arsenal 3 Partizan Belgrade 1
Shakhtar Donetsk 2 Braga 0
End of First Round

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP

PLAYOFF

At Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Yesterday's results
Al Wahda (United Arab Emirates) 3 Hekari United (Papua New Guinea) 0

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	17	4	.810	—
d-Orlando	15	6	.714	2
Atlanta	15	8	.652	3
Miami	15	8	.652	3
New York	14	9	.609	4
d-Chicago	12	8	.600	4½
Indiana	10	10	.500	6½
Charlotte	8	13	.381	9
Milwaukee	8	13	.381	9
Toronto	8	14	.364	9½
Philadelphia	7	14	.333	10
Cleveland	7	15	.318	10½
Detroit	7	16	.304	11
Washington	6	15	.286	11
New Jersey	6	16	.273	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	18	3	.857	—
Dallas	17	4	.810	1
d-L.A. Lakers	15	6	.714	3
d-Utah	16	7	.696	3
New Orleans	14	7	.667	4
Oklahoma City	15	8	.652	4
Denver	13	8	.619	5
Phoenix	11	11	.500	7½
Portland	10	11	.476	8
Memphis	9	14	.391	10
Houston	8	13	.381	10
Golden State	8	14	.364	10½
Sacramento	5	15	.250	12½
L.A. Clippers	5	17	.227	13½
Minnesota	5	17	.227	13½

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Last night's results
Boston 105 Denver 89
Chicago 88 Cleveland 83
New York 113 Toronto 110
Milwaukee 97 Indiana 95
Oklahoma City 111 Minnesota 103
New Orleans 93 Detroit 74
San Antonio 111 Golden State 94
Memphis 104 Phoenix 98 (OT)
Miami 111 Utah 98
Sacramento 116 Washington 91
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers
Tuesday's results
Atlanta 116, New Jersey 101
Charlotte 100, Denver 98
Philadelphia 117, Cleveland 97
Dallas 105, Golden State 100
Houston 97, Detroit 83
Portland 106, Phoenix 99
L.A. Lakers 115, Washington 108
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Boston at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

KNICKS 113, RAPTORS 110

TORONTO (110)
Johnson 3-6 0-0 6, Weems 2-7 4-4 8, Bargnani 16-24 7-9 41, Calderon 5-12 0-0 11, DeRozan 6-11 7-8 19, Davis 0-3 0-0 0, Kleiza 3-11 1-4 8, Barbosa 3-7 0-1 7, Bayless 3-5 4-5 10. Totals 41-86 23-31 110.
NEW YORK (113)
Chandler 6-13 0-0 14, Gallinari 5-13 8-9 20, Stoudemire 15-27 4-4 34, Felton 10-20 6-6 28, Fields 4-9 0-1 9, Douglas 3-6 0-0 7, Turiaf 0-0 1-2 1, Williams 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 43-89 19-22 113.

Toronto	32	25	27	26	110
New York	28	31	25	29	113

3-Point Goals—Toronto 5-16 (Bargnani 2-3, Kleiza 1-3, Barbosa 1-4, Calderon 1-4, Weems 0-1, DeRozan 0-1), New York 8-21 (Felton 2-5, Gallinari 2-5, Chandler 2-6, Fields 1-2, Douglas 1-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 50 (Bargnani, Kleiza 7), New York 52 (Stoudemire 14). Assists—Toronto 24 (Calderon 7), New York 19 (Felton 11). Total Fouls—Toronto 21, New York 26. Technicals—Calderon, Toronto defensive three second 2. A—19,763 (19,763) at New York

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with 1B Paul Konerko on a three-year contract.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with C Paul Phillips on a minor league contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with OF Jeff Francoeur on a one-year contract.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with 1B Carlos Pena on a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL

NFL

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Placed CB Brandon Ghee on injured reserve. Signed LB Vincent Rey from the practice squad.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Placed CB Al Harris on injured reserve. Signed OL Ray Feinga.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Placed RB Ladell Betts on injured reserve. Signed LB Kawika Mitchell.
NEW YORK JETS — Released WR Laveranues Coles. Signed S Emanuel Cook. Released OT Andre Ramsey from the practice squad.
ST. LOUIS RAMS — Signed LB David Nixon. Signed LB Maurice Simpkins to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

NHL

BOSTON BRUINS — Recalled D Steve Kampfer from Providence (AHL) on an emergency basis.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled F Jeremy Morin and F Rob Klinkhammer from Rockford (AHL). Placed F Marian Hossa on injured reserve.
DALLAS STARS — Recalled G Richard Bachman from Texas (AHL) on emergency conditions.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned D Jakub Kindl to Grand Rapids (AHL) for conditioning.

AHL

NORFOLK ADMIRALS — Signed F Pierre-Cedric Labrie to a two-year contract.
WORCESTER SHARKS — Re-signed F Jonathan Cheechoo.

SNOWBOARDING

SNOWBOARDCROSS

At Leach Am Arlberg, Austria
Women
1. Dominique Maltais, Petite-Riviere-St-Francois, Que., 1,000 points; 2. Maelle Ricker, Whistler, B.C., 800; 3. Alexandra Jekova, Bulgaria, 600
World Cup Snowboardcross Standings
1. Dominique Maltais, Petite-Riviere-St-Francois, Que., 2,000 points; 2. Maelle Ricker, Whistler, B.C., 1,600; 3. Alexandra Jekova, Bulgaria, 1,000
Overall World Cup Standings
1. Dominique Maltais, Petite-Riviere-St-Francois, Que., 2,000 points; 2. Maelle Ricker, Whistler, B.C., 1,600; 3. Ekaterina Tudegesheva, Russia, 1,000
Men
1. Luca Matteotti, Italy, 1,000 points; 2. Alex Pullin, Australia, 800; 3. Paul-Henri De le Rue, France, 600; **Also: 8. Francois Boivin, Jonquiere, Que., 320; 10. Robert Fagan, Cranbrook, B.C., 260.**
World Cup Snowboardcross Standings
1. Nate Holland, U.S., 1,200 points; 2. Luca Matteotti, Italy, 1,160; 3. Mario Fuchs, Austria, 1,100
Overall World Cup Standings
1. Nate Holland, U.S., 1,200 points; 2. Luca Matteotti, Italy, 1,160; 3. Mario Fuchs, Austria, 1,110; 4. Andreas Promegger, Austria, 1,000; 5. Paul-Henri De le Rue, France, 890.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	2	0	.833	379	269
N.Y. Jets	9	3	0	.750	267	232
Miami	6	6	0	.500	215	238
Buffalo	2	10	0	.167	243	333
SOUTH						
Jacksonville	7	5	0	.583	257	300
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.500	317	290
Houston	5	7	0	.417	288	321
Tennessee	5	7	0	.417	263	235
NORTH						
Pittsburgh	9	3	0	.750	267	191
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	260	201
Cleveland	5	7	0	.417	229	239
Cincinnati	2	10	0	.167	255	322
WEST						
Kansas City	8	4	0	.667	295	237
Oakland	6	6	0	.500	283	269
San Diego	6	6	0	.500	323	253
Denver	3	9	0	.250	256	333

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	8	4	0	.667	308	247
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	344	281
Washington	5	7	0	.417	222	293
Dallas	4	8	0	.333	294	336
SOUTH						
Atlanta	10	2	0	.833	304	233
New Orleans	9	3	0	.750	299	227
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	243	251
Carolina	1	11	0	.083	154	307
NORTH						
Chicago	9	3	0	.750	246	192
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	303	182
Minnesota	5	7	0	.417	227	253
Detroit	2	10	0	.167	278	306
WEST						
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	240	289
St. Louis	6	6	0	.500	232	237
San Francisco	4	8	0	.333	203	259
Arizona	3	9	0	.250	200	338

WEEK 14

Tonight's game
(All times Eastern)
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at New Orleans, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
Baltimore at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

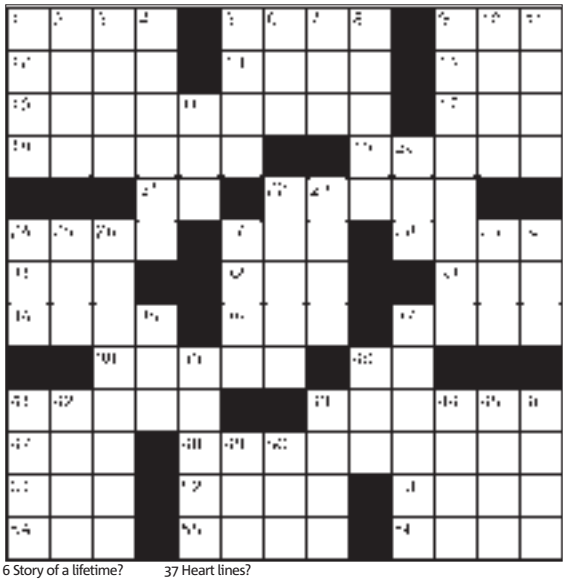
GOLF

LPGA TOUR QUALIFYING

At Daytona Beach, Fla.
Par 72
First Round

Reilley Rankin	34-33—67
Libby Smith	34-33—67
Aree Song	34-33—67
Belen Mozo	33-35—68
Pernilla Lindberg	32-36—68
Jimin Jeong	34-35—69
Ayaka Kaneko	34-35—69
Angela Buzminski	**36-34—70**
Ashleigh Simon	37-33—70
Dewi Claire Schreefel	33-37—70
Angela Oh	35-35—70
Mollie Fankhauser	37-33—70
Shasta Averyhardt	35-35—70

Crossword



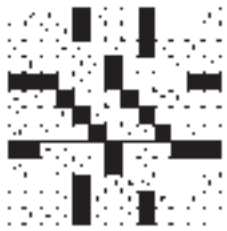
Across

1 Minuscule bit
5 Lend an illegal hand
9 Eviscerate
12 Trademark symbol
13 Old Italian money
14 Spring mo.
15 Travel while campaigning
17 Fish eggs
18 Mono alternative
19 Minimal change
21 Yoked beast
22 Saw
24 "The Amazing —"
27 Bear hair
28 Pirates' quaff
31 Geological period
32 Anger
33 Mate of 37-Across
34 Predicate necessity
36 Legislation
37 Mate of 33-Across
38 Cancels out
40 "Forget it!"
41 "— Foolish Things"
43 One side of the Urals
47 Old garment
48 "Phooey!"
51 Clay, today
52 Incite
53 On the briny
54 "Ulalume" writer
55 "Desire Under the —"
56 Ollie's pal

Down

1 Church vestments
2 Perfectly
3 Fairy tale baddie
4 Fifth President
5 Choir member
6 Story of a lifetime?
7 Screw up
8 Florida city
9 Accumulated
10 Informed about
11 Deuce beater
16 Gender
20 Early bird?
22 Emanations
23 TV host Carey
24 Gun the engine
25 Exist
26 Noted steel tycoon
27 Stuff
29 Eggs
30 Prized possession
35 Clear the tables
37 Heart lines?
39 Sill
40 Rapa — (Easter Island)
41 Snare
42 Head light?
43 Tackles' teammates
44 Brewer's kiln
45 Entreaty
46 Vivacity
49 "You've got mail" co.
50. Aries

▶ Yesterday's answer



Sudoku

5			2		9			6
	9		8		1		3	
		8				9		
		9	3		7	1		
2								9
		3	5		6	4		
		6				7		
	2		7		3		5	
4			6		8			1

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Jayman, you make the happiest person ever! I am the luckiest girl ever to have you. I love you more than anything and Xmas break can't come soon enough. MISS YOU **YOUR SARE-BEAR**

Today's horoscope

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Keep reminding yourself that all things are possible. The obstacles you encounter today are not there to stop you but to encourage you to climb higher.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You'll feel a lot more confident about your prospects today, even though nothing much has actually changed. Maybe you can sense that it won't be long before a more positive and productive cycle begins.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Try to deal with people who annoy you with courtesy. It may be easier to lose your temper, and you may have every reason to do so, but a more considerate approach will work wonders.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Stay on top of your workload today. If you let things slide, you will find it difficult to catch up later. The best way to get things done and still have time to yourself is to delegate. Trust those with whom you work.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Be assured that the efforts you make, both at home and at work, will pay off. It may seem as if you are putting yourself out for no gain, but important changes are taking place behind the scenes.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 It would appear that you are taking certain issues far too seriously. OK, so others may be behaving in ways that you do not approve of, but so what?

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Resist the temptation to draw attention to something that is likely to embarrass a loved one or friend. It may be good for a laugh but it will be held against you. Be nice.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Money matters and business issues are good, but that does not mean you have the green light to get involved in something that clearly has unacceptable risks. Can you afford to lose a fortune?

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 A dispute of some kind is likely today. But with any luck, it will be over as quickly as it started. Even without luck you are advised not to take it seriously.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You seem to be expecting too much of yourself and need to lower your sights. One of the reasons you are aiming so high is because you think you have to prove yourself to others. You don't.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Everyone is born with a special talent. If you don't know yet what yours is, it's about time you found out. What is it you do best? What is it that comes easiest to you?

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 If you stay calm while others are getting annoyed, you will make a big impression on employers and colleagues. Yes, you have leadership qualities. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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